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Serial No. 09/869,813)
) Group Art Unit
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INTERVERTEBRAL SPACERS WITH SIDE)
WALL ACCESSIBLE INTERIOR CAVITY)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.

Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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